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RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the introduction of Rural Guarantee Employment Scheme in the country is facing shortage of manpower for doing unskilled labour work for farming;

(b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to make the unskilled labour available for farming?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a) to (d): National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) was introduced from February, 2006 in given districts of the country, for securing livelihood to households whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. The scheme is a demand-driven scheme. During 2006-07, about 2.12 crore rural households demanded employment, out of which 2.10 crore households were provided employment. No report on shortage of manpower for doing unskilled work for farming has been received in the Government.